REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-9, 11-13, 15-20 are pending. Claim 15 is currently amended. Claims 3-4, 10 and 14 were previously cancelled. Claims 16-18 are currently cancelled.

Claim 15 has been amended by including the limitation from Claim 18 reciting that the agent is a polynucleotide of SEQ ID No. 1 or a polynucleotide of SEQ ID No. 4. No new matter has been added.

With these amendments, Applicant's attorney respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance in the next office communication. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned. No fees are currently due along with this filing. However, if any fee is deemed necessary in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12–0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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